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In the Senate, April 2, S. J. R. 19, by Mr. Cardus, providing for holding the general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, was reported by Mr. Richards offering an amendment to Senate bill 312, defining the powers and prescribing the duties of the Board of Public Works, by which the ward would be disincorporated. Its political complexion was changed, and all its duties devolve upon the

Mr. Howland moved to require the consent of the Board to appointments. L s-7  
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by a vote of 22 yeas to 6 nays. The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, recommending the passage of the House substitute for H. J. R. 10, which provided for the appointment of an amendment to Article 11, to allow one representative to each county. Agreed to. Mr. Owens offered an amendment fixing the term of township officers at three years. Agreed to. Mr. Howland's amendment was reconsidered.....In the House, the special order of the day, S. J. R. 55, by Mr. Dungan, proposing an amendment to article 10, of the Constitution, was taken up. It provided for an amendment increasing the compensation in counties having a population of twenty

four dollars per page to the Federal Land Office, which was then the office of the Civil Balliff in Hamilton County, was passed.

In the Senate, April 3, the House amendments to the Balliff Bill were concurred in. Little business was done..... In the House, Mr. Kilmer's bill was read, and the bill was referred to the Assistant Assessors, and to increase the compensation, in counties having cities of the first and second class, from \$2 to \$3 a day, was amended so as to fix the compensation at \$2.50, for counties having cities of the first and second class, and was then lost on its passage, by a vote of 45 yeas to 18 nays.

A debate an hour long took place this morning on Mr. Low's bill to preserve the right of elections, by rendering necessary the use of a patent registering, sig-

number of amendments were offered, and the matter was finally referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Wright, Townsend, and Bull, to report on Wednesday next. The House amended slightly Mr. Covert's Compulsory Education Bill, and pending discussion adjourned.

On April 4, the Houses met at an early hour in the morning, and adjourned until Tuesday afternoon.

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### Substitutes for Liquor.

A curious feature of the operation of the No-License law at Norwich, Ct., is the substitution by drinkers of other stimulants in place of liquors. Perhaps the most natural substitute of all is Jamaica ginger. This extract has

whisky, and as it is a medicine in constant demand, and kept by all druggists, it makes a very satisfactory substitute for the habitual old toper who is bound to get drunk on something. But it is used in this way to considerable extent, as is shown by the enormous sale of the drug, as well as the confession of the user. One dealer estimates his sales of Jamaica ginger since the 1st of November as fully three times as great as they were before; another sells perhaps a third more now than before that date; another has noticed but a small increase not over 5 per cent.; while a fourth estimates the calls upon him as five times as large now as they were up to

paregoric has slightly increased in some cases. — *Boston Journal.*

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**Wanted a White Spirit.**

An Indian carried the dead body of his sister to the top of a hill at Rosebud, Neb., and stationed himself by it with a rifle in his hands, intending to kill the first white man who came within range, so that a white spirit might accompany her to the happy hunting grounds. He stood there six hours, firing occasional but harmless shots at distant persons. Then a white man who had lived many years among the Indians, and whose wife was a squaw, walked unsuspectingly that way. The

satisfied. But the wounded man recovered, and accepted thirteen horses, forty blankets, and an apology in settlement.

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### Bismarck's Pig-Sticking.

When the German law against the Socialists was first passed, it is said that Prince Bismarck burst out with, "Now, off we go for the pig-sticking!" ("Jetzt geht die Sauhzucht los!"). And, apparently, the chase has been tolerably active, for 187 clubs and societies, and fifty-eight periods and sessions, and 210 non-perpetual publications, have been suppressed. In addition to this, sixty-two persons have been banished. The belief in Germany is that the law has been

**Froth.**

In all cities there are three grades of people, the substratum, the substance, and the froth. The *substratum* are the vicious poor who hide in dark alleys. The *substance* are the mechanical and commercial industries. And on top of these floats the worthless, fashionable *froth*.—Des Moines Register.

AN Irish agent having been instructed to raise rents, called a meeting of the tenants and apprised them of the intention. "You can afford it," said

Silence was broken by an old nigger, who said, "yes; there is no denying of that. It used to cost a pound to get an agent shot, and now, be jabbers, it can't be done under two." The rents have not been raised.